

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Domestic violence is a perpetrator's systematic use of abusive tactics to

denigrate, dominate, or endanger their intimate partners and children, denying

them safety at home, work, school, or in the community; and

WHEREAS: One in three Minnesota women are deprived of the right to be safe by domestic

violence perpetrators; and

WHEREAS: Murder is an extreme and horrific outcome of a perpetrator's power and control

tactics. In 2015, 34 Minnesotans were murdered in domestic violence incidents;

and

WHEREAS: While over 63,000 victims seek services from domestic violence programs in

Minnesota every year, this represents only a fraction of those affected as only one

of every five victims seeks services; and

WHEREAS: Domestic violence is a public safety issue, and keeping victims of domestic

violence safe and holding perpetrators accountable is the responsibility of the

entire community; and

WHEREAS: Domestic violence programs, employers, law enforcement, faith communities,

schools, the justice system, the government, and the community as a whole must work together to promote justice, provide safety, and prevent harm on behalf of

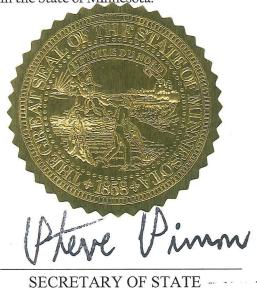
all Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is committed to living free, without violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2016, as:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 29th day of September.

GOVERNOR